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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to a method for creating a contact for a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 706; and

Group II, claims 13-19, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 284.

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, Claims 13-19.**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Terrell C. Birch, Registration No 19,382 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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